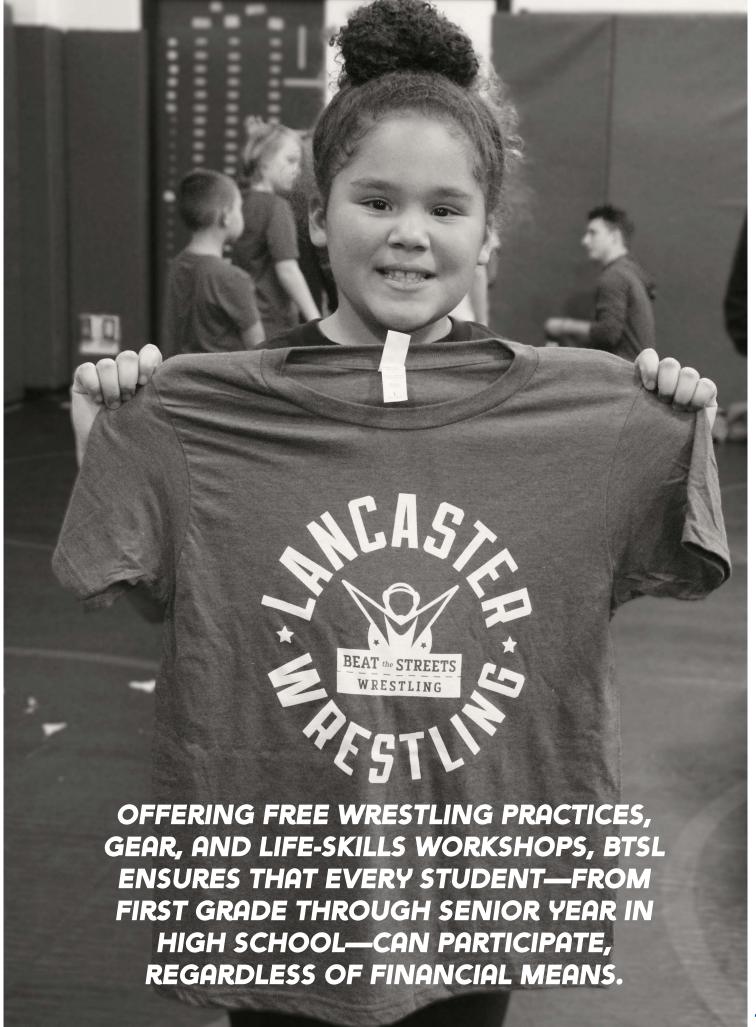


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#### How We Make a Difference

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

#### **YOUTH SERVED**

2022-23

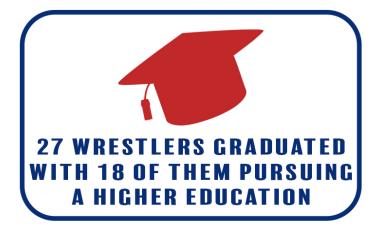
2023-24

2024-25

**294** 

**313** 

**354** 



# \$1,000,000+

has been invested by Beat The Streets Lancaster to our underserved youth since 2016.



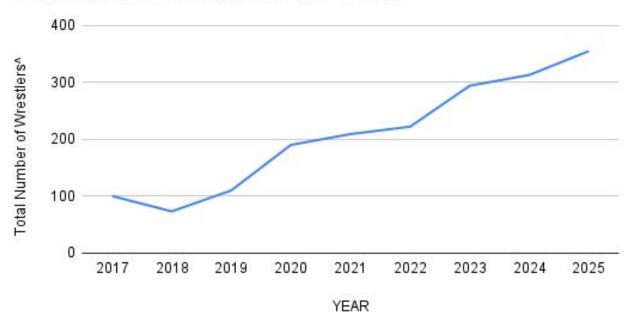
Since 2016, Beat The Streets Lancaster has continued to offer student athletes and our youth avenues to succeed at the next stages of life. 28 student-athletes from Lancaster and Harrisburg participated in life skills workshops over the summer, earning a trip to the Beat the Streets National Camp & Duals in Philadelphia, PA. It was a record breaking season in terms of participation with just over 350 wrestlers being supported.

Beat The Streets Lancaster has once again seen consistency in female participation by building from last year with an incredible **189 girl wrestlers**. This marks the **4th year** in a row that female wrestlers have made up nearly **50% of BtSL overall participation**. Partnerships with local organizations and our incredible staff have seen that girls wrestling remains a priority for Beat the Streets Lancaster.

This year also marked another strong performance in fundraising, further ensuring that cost is never a barrier for a child to follow their passions and dreams.

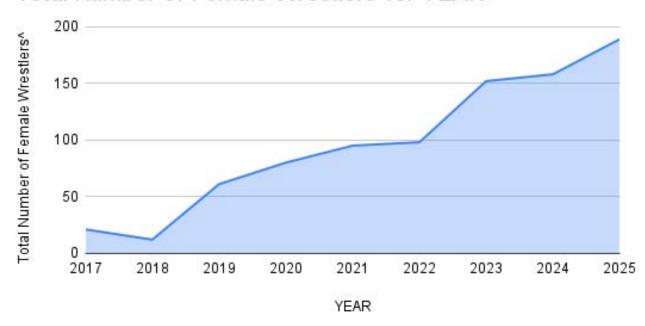
Since 2016, BtS has continued to see growth in these four major areas that align with our mission of serving and empowering our underserved youth.

Total Number of Wrestlers vs. YEAR



The total number of youth served in Beat the Streets programming.

Total Number of Female Wrestlers vs. YEAR



Overall female participation in Beat the Streets programming & partnerships.

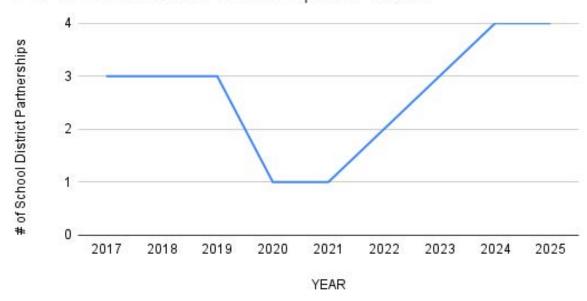
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Total outside fundraising per year vs chairman contribution.

# of School District Partnerships vs. YEAR



 Targeted support for school districts facing higher rates of under served and impoverished youth.

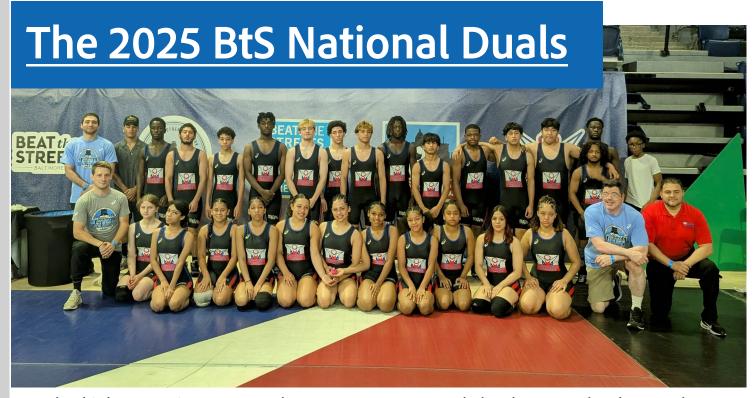
## **Development Off The Mat**



The Beat The Streets mission is to empower our youth by positively impacting their lives through the sport of wrestling. However, preparing our wrestlers for **life off the mat** is critical. Continuing off of last year's success, <u>Life Skill Workshops</u> provided BtSL student-athletes resources and information that might not be shared within our local school systems.

These workshops include resume building, financial planning and literacy, career goal setting, and much more. These impactful courses would not be possible without the collaboration with our generous local leaders and experts. Materials like personal journals from <u>Win the Day</u> help further this mission.

In addition, by working with our local colleges, trade schools, and military recruiters, wrestlers have also become aware of all the paths available to them. Beat the Streets Lancaster is able to give the tools to each of our kids to follow their passions in confidence.



For the third consecutive year, Beat the Streets Lancaster traveled and competed at the Beat the Streets National Camp and Duals. 28 student athletes and five coaches from both Harrisburg and Lancaster came together to travel by train from Lancaster to Philadelphia. By the time both teams returned there was more perspective earned, friendships that were made, and a life long experience that will be carried by all of the boys and girls from both cities. Throughout the course of the 3-day camp, over 350 student-athletes from 13+ chapters from across the country came together for training sessions, workshops, and numerous activities in and around the campus of the University of Pennsylvania and the historic Palestra arena. In addition to daily wrestling sessions, student-athletes attended a career fair, enjoyed a stay in the University City District, and wrestled against some of the best BtS wrestlers across the country. The boys team competed fiercely going 3-3 and finishing in 7th place. The girls team finished in a solid 6th despite giving up a few forfeits.

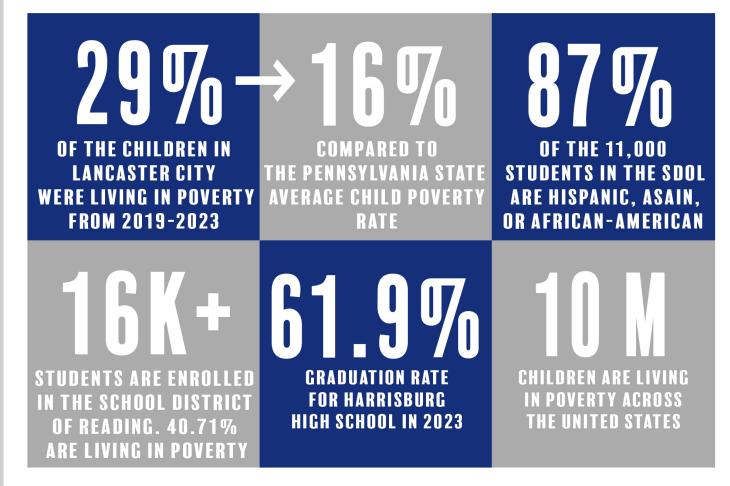
These lifelong memories would not be possible without the generosity of our community, donors and sponsors. **Thank you** to everyone that helped support our kids and program to make this incredible trip happen. We're already looking forward to next year, where the **2026 BtS National Duals** will be held in **Cleveland, OH.** 







## **Inequities Facing our Youth**

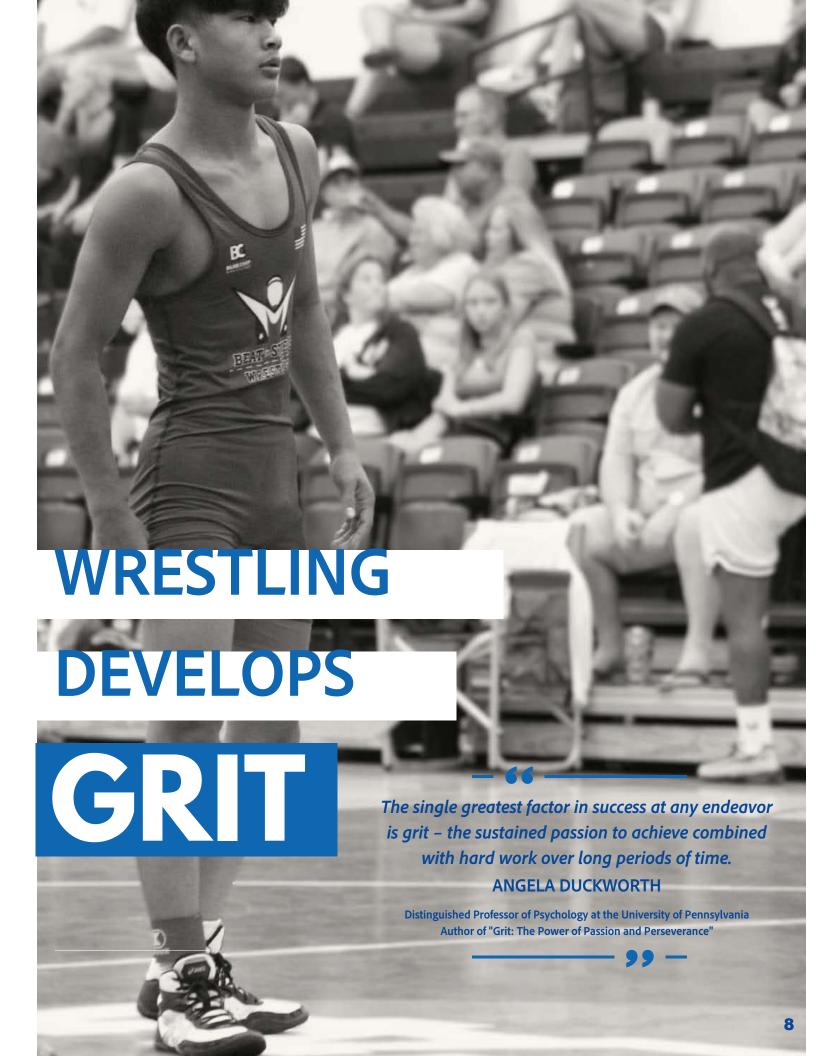


Millions of youth across the country are struggling with poverty, failing schools, violence, poor mental and physical health, and overall well-being. These adversities are much more common for black and brown children living in urban communities. These challenges are not unique solely to larger metropolitan cities, but also in communities within our smaller cities as well. Census data has shown <u>nearly one-third of the children of Lancaster City are</u> living below the poverty line.

Sports have been documented to improve educational and behavioral outcomes as well as improve physical and emotional health. However, cost can be a major barrier to entry to athletics for many of our youth.

Beat the Streets exists to serve these youth and ensure that <u>cost does not prevent youth</u> from being able to wrestle or achieve their long-term academic and life goals.

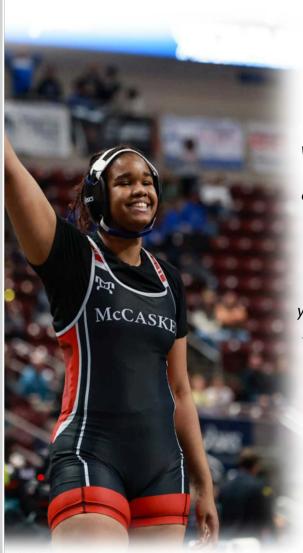
<sup>\*</sup>Data provided by the Lancaster County Community Indicators, a project from the Steinman foundation, the Department of Education, and each School District's respective website.\*



### **Success Story**



#### Her Story -



"For the last three years I've been wrestling and seeing myself grow more and more within the sport. But also as a person, it has been a wonderful and hard journey that McCaskey (High School) and Beat the Streets Lancaster has been able to show me. I remember coming to Lancaster, PA 3 years ago in the summer of 2022 from my hometown St. Thomas, USVI. I honestly didn't know much about wrestling or the fact that girls were able to compete. I was introduced to girls wrestling by looking at a flyer during school and after contacting Coach Franklin, I decided to give it a try! Going to practice for the first time, I instantly knew that this was the sport for me. Honestly, my first year I was not focusing as much on pins or having more wins than losses. It was fun putting myself out there like that. From placing 7th place at the MyHouse State championship my first year, to 5th at Hershey for States my junior year, and then ending with 3rd for my senior year, I have grown so much through the support of my team and my coaches. I am thankful to have gained that mentality to want to grow and work hard. Because of wrestling, I've made so many friends, have been to so many places like Fargo, the Junior Duals, and even going to my first Beat The Streets National Duals in Chicago. It has shown me that there's more out there for wrestling than just the high school level too. Now after graduating McCaskey, I'm ready to continue growing and learning more within the sport and to get back on the mats as I wrestle collegiately at Ursinus College. I couldn't be more excited! Academically, I'll be studying Finance and Accounting.

McCaskey Girls Wrestling Team Captain | High School Graduate | 2025 PIAA State 3rd Place Finisher

## The Educational Difference

Beat the Streets Lancaster is incredibly proud to share our seniors that have committed themselves to furthering their education. Just in 2025, an amazing 18 seniors have selected a university, trade school, community college or will enlist in the armed services. This is exactly what Beat the Streets aims to accomplish by empowering our youth. Congratulations to each of these young men and women and we cannot wait to see what they will achieve!



- Rajohn Rodriguez Cheyney University
- Gideon Fasanya Albright College
- Hezekiah Molina Hadu Albright College
- Marajah Diaz Millersville University
- Emily Villalobos Millersville University
- Journie Rodriguez Lock Haven University
- Avery Vogelbacher Lock Haven University
- Kaleia Timko- Arcadia University
- Kazchimir Marmolejos Arcadia University
- Jurelys Peguero Del Rosario Ursinus University
- Dabens Charles HACC Community College
- Nasly Rijo HACC Community College
- Deyser Perez HACC Community College
- Naveah Ramos Thaddeus Stevens College
- Eh Klu Soe Thaddeus Stevens College
- Jessiah Jimenez Thaddeus Stevens College
- Liana Samuel McDaniel College
- Jamere Oliver United States Marine Corps

#### **Our Mission**

Beat the Streets Lancaster exists to empower and transform the lives of under served youth in South Central Pennsylvania through the sport of wrestling.

#### **About Us**

Beat the Streets is a network of sports-based youth development nonprofits with independent chapter organizations currently based in Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Lancaster, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, New England, New York City, Newark, and Washington D.C. Beat the Streets (BTS) chapters collectively serve over 10,000 youth each year, and have invested over \$43 million into under-resourced youth and communities since 2005. BtS organizations across the country have established a successful track record of engaging and inspiring a diverse population of youth through developing sports-based youth development programming, providing mentoring and academic support, and youth wrestling programming in some of the most vulnerable urban communities. With the formation of BtS National, BtS organizations are more unified than ever, and prepared to continue advancing the BtS mission to thousands of more youth in need.\*

#### **Core Values**

Beat the Streets leadership, staff, youth, and supporters aim to live by our core values: Grit, Compassion, Service, and Team. We believe that living by these principles leads to a fulfilling life as athletes, students, professionals, and community members.

GRIT: Passion and perseverance in pursuit of a long-term goal

**COMPASSION:** Empathy with a willingness to act **SERVICE:** Embrace your power to create change

**TEAM:** A diverse group of individuals is greater than the sum of their parts

\*Information provided by Beat The Streets National (beatthestreets.org).

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#### **Board of Directors**

Beat the Streets cultivates youth development in under served communities by encouraging a desire for excellence, respect, teamwork, leadership, integrity, and perseverance through quality wrestling and youth development programming. Every member of the BtSL staff and board is here for one reason, to help the kids we serve. Beat the Streets Lancaster is dedicated to promoting the mission of empowering Lancaster's youth in life and on the mats!

David H. Lehman

Founder & Board Chairman

Dr. Carl Becker

**Supervisory Board Member** 

**Stan Zeamer** 

Supervisory Board Member

**Austin Miller** 

Supervisory Board Member

Dan Burkholder

Supervisory Board Member

Jonathan Mitchell

**Advisory Board Member** 

**Shane Brackup** 

Advisory Board Member

**Cynthia Molina** 

Board Treasurer and Bookkeeper

"Thank you for your consideration and time. Together, we can continue to empower and and support the next generation of wrestlers here in Lancaster, PA.

Robert Rehm
BTS Lancaster, Executive Director

#### **How to Support**

Achieving our goals will allow us to help thousands of student-athletes across the Susquehanna Valley and in no small way, change the region for the better. To do this, we need the proper foundational support. Specifically, we have to build the right team to tackle the challenges that lie ahead and capitalize upon the opportunities that we have collectively created.

To that end, we are looking for Beat the Streets Visionaries willing to make 5-year pledges to raise the \$130,000 of foundational support by 2030. We are well on our way to our goal but there is much work to be done. By making a donation to Beat the Streets Lancaster, you are having a tremendous impact on the youth we serve; creating opportunities, changing lives, and contributing to our overall society.

\$130,000 GOAL FOR 2025

STATE CHAMPIONS

100 FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORTERS

OF \$100

RAISED IN 2025 SO FAR

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
20 FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORTERS OF \$1,000

WORLD CHAMPIONS
15 FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORTERS OF \$2,000

OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS
10 FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORTERS OF \$5,000

Contact BTS Lancaster Executive Director Robert Rehm at 717-406-2593 or (rrehm@btslancaster.org) Checks can be made out to

"Beat the Streets Lancaster" then mailed to "36 Penny Road, Holtwood, PA, 17532"

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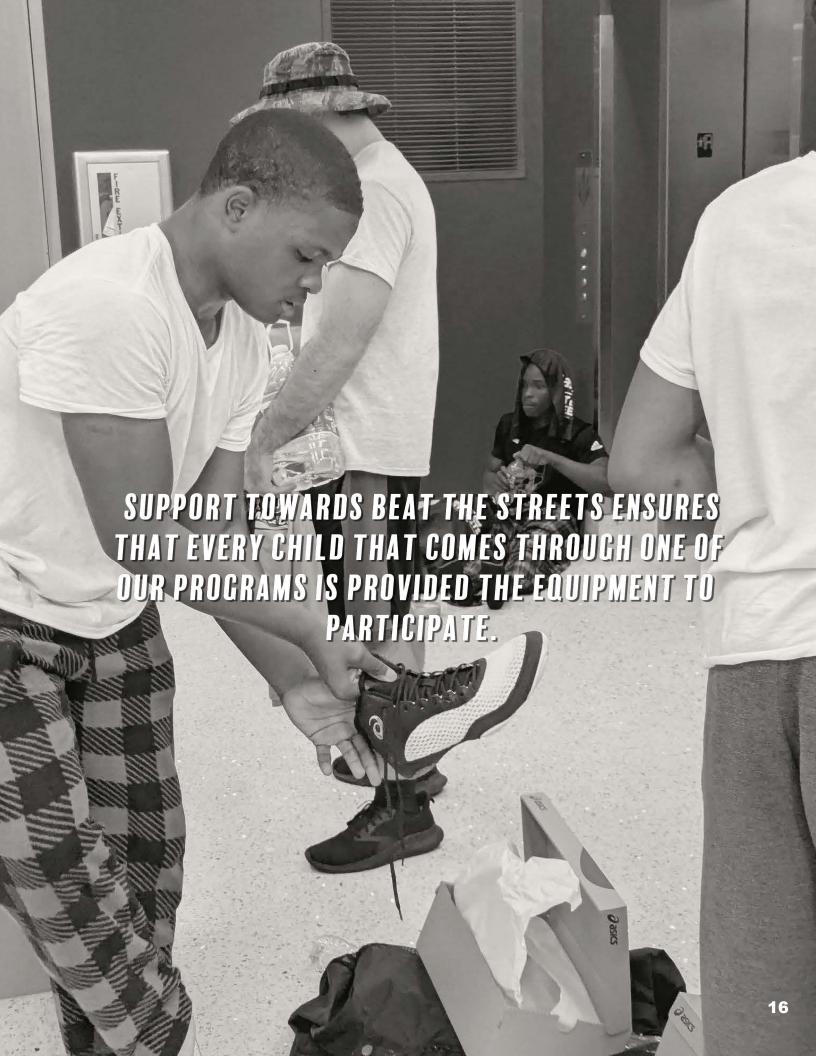
Beat the Streets Lancaster goal is to expand to support multiple smaller cities in South Central PA.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!



The Lehman Family Charitable Foundation - Lancaster Alliance Wrestling
Lancaster Police Athletic League - Lancaster Recreation Commission
National Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame (PA Chapter)
Circle of Hope Foundation - Spring House Brewing Co. - Asics
551 West Bar & Restrauant - Johnson & Johnson
WIBN Lancaster Chapter - National Wrestling Coaches Association
Gear2Compete - Lapex, LLC - Milton Hershey School
Clark Associates Foundation - Beat The Streets National - RJW Industrial

- Dave Lehman, Jonathan Mitchell, Larry Ciarrocca, Dr. Carl Becker
- > Stan Zeamer, Steve Capoferri, Bryan Zeamer, Shawn Phillips, The Neff Family
  - > Janet M Kirchner, Cindy Shaffer, Thirgam Al-hussaini, Donna Corse
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  - > Dennis Emery, Mark Rynn, Michael Patton, Justin Flory, Michael Waller
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- Craig Trissler, Bryan Ortenzio, Brady Mathias, Chris Franklin, Leah Wash
   Austin Miller, Dan Burkholder, Mike Moyer, Rich Mckee & many more!



This has been my 4th season as Executive Director of Beat the Streets Lancaster (BtSL) and I am continually amazed at the support of our leaders, supporters, volunteers and community that constantly push forward our mission. For the third year in a row, we've been able to serve over 300 youth in South Central Pennsylvania.

We are finding that BtSL enrolled boys and girls are much more likely to graduate high school, enroll in post-secondary education, live healthier lifestyles, and give back by serving their communities! This year alone 18 BtSL student-athletes will further their career by attending a university, trade school, or enlisting in the military. By keeping youth engaged in school, athletics, and mentoring, we are closing the education gap, preventing urban violence, and helping break the poverty cycle by providing the resources they otherwise would not have.

I want to thank you for taking the time to browse this report full of the wonderful accomplishments made by our donors, volunteers, community and most importantly our youth during the 2024-2025 season.

It is incredible to see the progress that has already taken place, and I believe we are just getting started. There are thousands of youth that need a positive and caring coach in their corner, that need a consistent mentor, and that need the sport of wrestling. As we look to the future, our promise is that each and every day, we will work to meet that need.

With gratitude,

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Robert Rehm Executive Director Beat the Streets Lancaster



When I teamed up with a small group in 2016 to start Beat the Streets Wrestling Lancaster I envisioned eventually getting to the place where we would have a significant number of our student athletes going on to the Military, Trade Schools and College; where we would be offering meaningful life skills training to our athletes; and where we would reach beyond Lancaster to other areas of Southeast Pennsylvania. It has taken a lot of work, and longer than I first anticipated, but after nine years I am pleased to report that we have reached that place.

Hopefully you can see from this Annual Report that your contributions are being well used and that our impact is growing every year. I truly appreciate the excellent work of our Executive Director Bob Rehm, our Board Members and our many volunteer coaches and assistants.

The organization under its current leadership truly is gaining momentum. With your continued contributions and efforts we can reach even further in the future. Please do reach deep to help us grow. It will be greatly appreciated by me, and by the growing number of Girls and Boys of Beat the Streets.

Sincerely,

David H. Lehman Founder and Chairman

Beat the Streets Wrestling Lancaster



